

BJA FY 2026 Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172709

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **October 30, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
 2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **November 6, 2026, by 8:59 PM ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is committed to advancing work that furthers the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission to keep our country safe and secure and uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of American citizens. OJP provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **FY26 Students, Teachers, and Officers Prevention (STOP) School Violence Program**. This opportunity supports programs to prevent and reduce school violence by implementing training, developing school threat assessment teams and/or intervention teams to identify violence risks, introducing technologies like anonymous reporting tools, or applying other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence. The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (STOP School Violence Act) describes the following allowable uses of funding for school safety projects:

- Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students.
- The development and operation of technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites.
- The development and deployment of:
 - School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel or
 - Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

BJA's STOP School Violence Program improves school safety and security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence. Activities that go beyond the allowable uses of funding as described above will not be funded.

This NOFO has two categories:

- Category 1: States and Institutions of Higher Education
- Category 2: Localities, Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits, and School Districts

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.839
Statutory Authority	Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 33, para. 16) and Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2026-172709
Competition ID Number	Category 1, C-BJA-2026-00028-PROD: States and Institutions of Higher Education Category 2, C-BJA-2026-00029-PROD: Localities, Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits, and School Districts
Expected Total Amount of Funding	Up to \$111,145,913
Anticipated Number of Awards	Category 1: 15 Category 2: 80
Award Type(s)	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Category 1: Up to \$2,000,000 Category 2: Up to \$1,000,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months starting on January 1, 2027

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	September 21, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process by September 21, 2026, and no later than September 30, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on October 30, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on November 6, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Category 1

- **Government Entities**
 - State governments
- **Educational Organizations**
 - Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Category 2

- **Government Entities**
 - County governments
 - City or township governments
 - Special district governments
 - Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- **Educational Organizations**
 - Independent school districts
 - Private institutions of higher education
- **Nonprofit Organizations**
 - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
 - Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- **Other**
 - Units of local government
 - Private K–12 schools, including private charter schools
 - Public charter schools

State Government Entities: For the purposes of this NOFO, “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

“Other” Entities Definition:

- Private K–12 schools, including private charter schools, should apply as “nonprofits.”
- Public charter schools should apply as “independent school districts.”
- Other Units of Local Government: For the purposes of this NOFO, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

Limit on Number of Applications: An applicant may only submit one application in response to this NOFO. That application can apply to only one category of the NOFO. An entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application.

Applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the federal award will be considered. However, only one entity may be the applicant for the NOFO; any others must be proposed as subrecipients. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on subawards.

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, 33, para. 16) and Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C

Agency Funding Priorities

To help meet its mission, OJP may give priority consideration to applications proposing (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO) projects designed to advance the goals listed below:

- (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
- (b) Combatting violent crime;
- (c) Supporting services to American citizens;
- (d) Protecting American children; and
- (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Unallowable Activities: The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under

this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply: (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Program-Specific Unallowable Activities and Costs

- **Target Hardening Equipment:** Applicants interested in funding for target hardening equipment should see the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP).
- **Armed Security Personnel:** Applicants interested in hiring new school resource officers should see the COPS Hiring Program.
- **Higher Education Campus Violence**
- **Trinkets and Promotional Items**
- **Food Costs**

Technology Compliance: All technology purchases must comply with federal law prohibiting use of grant funds for “covered telecommunications equipment or services” as defined by federal statute and regulation.

Compliance Requirements

Applicants should be aware that additional compliance requirements pertaining to student privacy and data security and suitability for covered individuals who may interact with participating minors will apply to awards made under this NOFO.

Applicants can find additional information about these requirements [here](#) as well as FAQs that may follow.

Goals and Objectives of This Funding Opportunity

Goal: Improve school safety by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, quickly respond to, and help prevent acts of violence.

- **Objective 1:** Train school personnel and educate students on preventing student violence against others and themselves.
- **Objective 2:** Increase school safety by developing and implementing threat assessment and/or intervention teams to identify school violence risks and implement strategies to mitigate those risks.
- **Objective 3:** Implement a technology solution, such as an anonymous reporting technology that can be implemented as a smartphone app, a hotline, or a website in the applicant’s geographic area designed to provide a way for students, teachers, faculty, and community members to anonymously identify school violence threats, or other technology solutions that will improve school safety.

Expected Outcomes

OJP expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information. OJP will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Recipients do not need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section.

Performance Reports

OJP requires recipients to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving [Program Goals and Objectives](#). Read information on [performance reporting](#).

Award recipients will receive further guidance on post award reporting requirements.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OJP will only consider applications that contain all required parts, which are marked ***Required*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *Required*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *Required*	Online Form
Proposal Abstract *Required*	Text Box
Data Requested With Application - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) - Agency Funding Priorities Inventory	Online Form

Application Item	Submission Type
Proposal Narrative *Required*	Attachment
Budget *Required*	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) • Consultant Rate (if applicable) • Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable) • Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding	Attachment
Additional Application Components • Curriculum Vitae or Resumes • Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) • Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable) • Request for use of Stipends • Timeline	Attachment

In addition to the items marked ***Required*** in the table above, the following are considered basic minimum requirement elements that are considered in the responsiveness review:

- The application is submitted by an eligible applicant.
- The requested award amount does not exceed the award ceiling.
- The application is responsive to the scope of the NOFO.

Standard Applicant Information ***Required***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov. Add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract ***Required***

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant's proposed project.
- The purpose of the proposed project (i.e., what the project will do and why it is necessary).
- Agency Funding Priority(ies) requested, (if applicable).
- Who will be served by the project (i.e., who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).
- What activities will be carried out to complete the project.
- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (i.e., what the project will achieve).

View an example of a [proposal abstract](#).

Data Requested With Application

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

Review information on this [questionnaire](#).

Agency Funding Priorities Inventory

Applicants seeking priority consideration under the [Agency Funding Priorities](#) section should answer the inventory questions in their entirety in the web-based form in JustGrants.

Proposal Narrative ***Required***

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Submit the narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The document should:

- Be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font (tables, charts, and graphs may be created in a legible font smaller than 12-point).
- Have no less than 1-inch margins.
- Have numbered pages.
- Not exceed 10 pages

If the Proposal Narrative does not follow this format, OJP may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the four sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which [priority\(ies\)](#) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

1. Description of the Need (5% of application score): What critical issue or problem do you propose to address with this project? Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.

- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- Applicants must use specific, current, local data to demonstrate the importance and necessity of the project in this section. Evidence quantifying the problem to be addressed should be gathered directly from the target school(s) or school district(s).
- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

2. Project Goals and Objectives (15% of application score): How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:

- Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what you hope to accomplish).
- Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes you plan to achieve through project activities).
- How your project goals and objectives relate to the goals and objectives of the funding opportunity.

Note: Applications may address one or more allowable use categories.

3. Project Design and Implementation (35% of application score): How will you implement project activities that meet the project goals and objectives? Please include:

- What activities you will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.
- How you will deliver or complete those activities.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in your organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity. This should include the school(s) and/or school district(s) where the project will be implemented and why these schools were selected.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- If you plan to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how you will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.
- If your project includes technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems:
 - Describe the specific technology solution(s) to be implemented (mobile app, hotline, website, etc.).
 - Explain how the technology will improve school safety.
 - Detail how data collected through this system will be handled, secured, and shared in compliance with FERPA and state privacy laws.

- If existing anonymous reporting systems are present in your jurisdiction or state, explain how your proposed system will complement rather than duplicate existing capabilities.
- Describe coordination with local law enforcement and other key partners.
- Explain how the technology complies with federal law prohibiting use of grant funds for “covered telecommunications equipment or services.”
- If your project includes developing or implementing behavioral threat assessment (BTA) and/or intervention teams, describe the multidisciplinary composition of the team(s), including coordination with law enforcement agencies, behavioral health specialists, community stakeholders, and school personnel; the process for identifying and assessing threats; and intervention strategies the team will implement to mitigate identified risks.
- If your project includes training school personnel and educating students, specify the type(s) of training to be provided; who will receive training; and the curriculum or training approach to be used.

4. Capabilities and Competencies (30% of application score): What administrative and technical capacity and expertise do you bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of your capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the post-award requirements, if funded.
- A description of projects or activities your organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrates your ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance on [project evaluations](#).

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget (15% of application score) ***Required***

- Use the Budget Detail Worksheet (Web-Based Form) or Separate Attachment (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Read information on [budget preparation](#) and [JustGrants Application Submission Training](#).
- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.

- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.¹

The following information specific to this funding opportunity will help you develop your project budget:

- **Technology Projects:** Consider including costs for personnel training, policy development, privacy and security measures (encryption, secure hosting, access controls), and ongoing technical support. If developing systems in areas with existing capabilities, budget for coordination activities.
- **Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams:** Consider including meeting costs for multidisciplinary coordination, time for partner participation, and team training.
- **Training Projects:** Allowable costs include trainer fees, curriculum development or licensing, training materials, and delivery technology.
- **Stipends:** Stipends in lieu of overtime may be permissible. A separate request for use of stipends must be submitted (see [Additional Application Components](#)) with justification, including assumed hourly rate and time commitment.

Reference the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for complete information on allowable costs and budget requirements.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs calculated using a current, federally approved indirect cost rate, upload your indirect cost rate agreement. Read information about [indirect costs](#).
- **Consultant Rate (if applicable):** Read information on [limits to consultant rates](#) and whether you need to request approval to exceed those limits.
- **Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable):** Read information on this [limitation](#) and to determine whether or not you need to submit a waiver.
- **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable):** An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. Read information about this [disclosure and documentation](#) to upload.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

Attach a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or letter of intent between the applicant and each of the project partner(s). Read information on what to include in an [MOU/letter of intent](#).

¹ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on [unallowable costs](#) that apply to all funding opportunities.

For each named partner involved in the project (whether as a subrecipient that will receive federal funds to carry out part of the federal award, or otherwise), applicants should include either a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a letter of intent that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs, or applicants should include information in the narrative that confirms that each partner agrees to participate in the proposed project. MOUs or letters of intent demonstrate the commitment of partner organizations to participate in the project. An MOU is a formalized commitment of staff and/or resources that is signed by authorized representatives of both partner organizations. A letter of intent indicates the organizations' intention to partner, but the details of the commitment have not been fully worked out and officially agreed to.

MOUs should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Unsigned draft MOUs may be submitted with the application, but you should describe in a cover page to the attachment why they are unsigned.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes:** Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project.
- **Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable):** Read information on whether you may need to submit a [Tribal Authorizing Resolution](#).
- **Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable):** Read information whether you may need to submit this [statement](#).
- **Request for Use of Stipends:** Applicants proposing to use stipends in lieu of overtime must provide strong justification for their use and clearly explain the necessity for such costs. Applicants should explain how the stipend amounts were determined (this should include an assumed hourly rate and the time commitment being considered), to whom these would benefit and why, and how such costs are beneficial and necessary for the project and its implementation. Reference the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for complete information on allowable and unallowable costs, including restrictions on trinkets, giveaways, food costs, and profit/management fees.
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline indicating when activities or program milestones are to be accomplished.

Disclosures and Assurances

Read the [disclosures and assurances](#) and complete them in JustGrants:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

- Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (if applicable)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- DOJ Certifications
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification—DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable)

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit your application by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does not apply to this funding opportunity: read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for details. Read OJP's policy for applicants to [request late submission](#) due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

The [Application Resource Guide](#) explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, and review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official. Refer to the [Application Contents List](#) for all required application components and other basic minimum requirement elements that are considered in the responsiveness review. The [Proposal Narrative](#) and [Budget](#) sections of this NOFO indicates the weight of peer review criteria.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the [award notification](#) process.

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information about standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Name: OJP Response Center Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only) Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: sam.gov/help Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)

Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.